

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING OFFSHORE PLATFORMS

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NUMBER	DATE FILED
N/A	

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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<u>N/A</u>			YES <u> </u> NO

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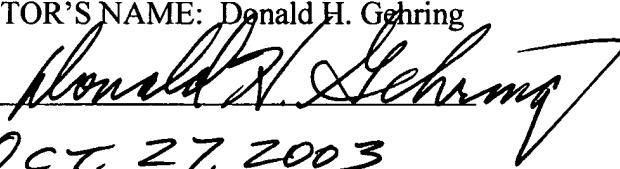
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